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REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

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1 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Good afternoon,
2 everyone. Today, we're -- I think it's the fourth
3 redistricting committee -- no, maybe more. I've lost
4 count.

5 Anyway, the House committee on redistricting
6 shall come to order. I'm State Representative Lisa
7 Hernandez. I'm one of the members of the Redistricting
8 Committee and will be chairing today's hearing.

9 I'd like to start by acknowledging a couple
10 of -- a few members that we -- local members that are
11 joining us. We have Representative Edgar Gonzalez; we
12 have Representative Aaron Ortiz; and one of our newest
13 members, Representative Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar.

14 Let me start off with a statement. I'd also
15 like to thank everyone who has chosen to participate in
16 today's hearing. Your insight and participation is an
17 important -- is as important as ever as we begin the
18 redistricting process under unprecedented circumstances.
19 The United States and Illinois constitutions require the
20 General Assembly to redraw political boundaries every 10
21 years to account for population shifts. These hearings
22 are a part of that process. House Democrats are
23 dedicated to transparency and public participation in
24 the redistricting process.

1 While state law requires a minimum of four
2 public hearings throughout the state, our committee
3 intends to hold far more and present additional avenues
4 for public participation. Our goal is to hear from as
5 many people as possible and to gain as much information
6 as possible about the diverse communities of our state.
7 Our staff have been making hundreds of phone calls to
8 encourage participation in these upcoming hearings.
9 Those who wish to participate should be given an
10 opportunity. Period.

11 We are holding a series of virtual and in-person
12 hearings throughout the state. Early last month, we
13 announced a schedule of 23 hearings before proposing a
14 redistricting plan. For comparison, in 2011, the House
15 Redistricting Committee held 17 hearings in total.

16 While we are guided in this endeavor by the
17 United States Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights
18 Act, the Illinois Constitution, and the Illinois Voting
19 Rights Act, we are also interested in any relevant
20 demographic information, such as social, political,
21 economic, religious, or any other characteristics that
22 are unique to your community.

23 We want to hear your specific views on any
24 social, political, economic, or religious interests

1 commonly held in the community, any specific interest
2 groups that exist, any concerns you have regarding the
3 current boundaries -- or alternatively what works well
4 about the current boundaries -- and suggestions for the
5 drawing of new boundaries. In short, we want to hear
6 any testimony that is relevant to the drawing of our
7 about new political boundaries.

8 This year, for the first time, Illinois
9 residents will be able to participate in the process
10 from the comfort of their own homes, including through
11 remote participation, these hearings, and by drawing
12 their own maps via a website. It's called the Public
13 Drawing Portal, which is available at
14 ILHouseDems.com/Redistricting. It would allow for any
15 Illinois resident to draw districts and share those maps
16 with the Committee for consideration.

17 The public may also submit written testimony or
18 other public comment to the Committee by email at
19 RedistrictingCommittee@HDS.ILGA.gov. All written
20 testimony, public comments, and maps submitted to the
21 Committee will be made publicly available at ILGA.gov
22 and ILHouseDems.com/Redistricting. Transcripts of the
23 Committee's hearings will also be uploaded to those
24 sites.

1 As for today, we will begin with a short slide
2 show presentation. Following the brief presentation, we
3 have a number of witnesses who have indicated a desire
4 to testify. If you have written testimony prepared, we
5 would ask that you submit the testimony to us and just
6 briefly summarize it in your oral presentation.

7 Now, I would -- since Leader Butler is not
8 present, Representative Avery, would you like to say a
9 few words?

10 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I just appreciate all of
11 the witnesses who are here. I'm looking forward to the
12 testimony and asking any questions.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. And with
14 that, I think the next -- we have our court reporter
15 here. Just checking. And I think we'll begin with our
16 staff with that short presentation, so take it away.

17 STAFF MEMBER MARISSA JACKSON-DONNELL: Hi, my
18 name is Marissa Jackson-Donnell. I'm an employee of the
19 Illinois House of Representatives.

20 I'm just here to give a brief overview of the
21 State's redistricting procedure. I'll briefly discuss
22 the background of redistricting and the redistricting
23 process in Illinois. I'll be going over federal and
24 state redistricting requirements and guidelines.

1 Finally, we'll be looking at what preliminary data
2 reveals about population trends in the state and region.

3 Redistricting is the process that ensures all
4 Illinois residents are afforded equal representation in
5 the state legislature and Federal Congress as guaranteed
6 by the United States Constitution.

7 The US Supreme Court held a series of rulings in
8 the 1960s that congressional and state legislative
9 districts in each state must be of approximately equal
10 population, establishing the principal of one person,
11 one vote. As a result, states redraw their
12 congressional and state districts every 10 years to
13 reflect changes in population.

14 The timeline for redrawing the legislative map
15 is based on the Illinois Constitution. The Constitution
16 gives the Illinois Legislature the initial
17 responsibility of passing the new legislative map. Both
18 the State House and the State Senate must pass a plan
19 with majority votes, which then must be signed by the
20 Governor.

21 If a new map does not go into effect by the
22 constitutional deadline of June 30th, responsibility for
23 creating a new map passes from the Legislature to a
24 Legislative Redistricting Commission. The Commission

1 would consist of eight members, with two each appointed
2 by the legislative leaders and no more than four from
3 the same political party. A majority vote of five or
4 more commission members will constitute final approval
5 for a new map.

6 However, if the Commission does not agree to a
7 map by September 1st, the Illinois Supreme Court will
8 submit two names, one from each party, to the Illinois
9 Secretary of State, who will then choose one name at
10 random to serve as the ninth member of the commission.
11 Five of the nine members of the commission must agree to
12 a plan no later than October 5th.

13 In order to understand the process of creating
14 new districts, we must look at some legal guiding
15 principles. First among these is equal population.
16 Congressional districts must be nearly equal in
17 population, while state districts must be substantially
18 equal in population.

19 Federal and state law also requires that
20 districts be contiguous, which means that all parts of a
21 district must be next to each other, unless connected by
22 water. Annexations and unincorporated areas in
23 municipalities and counties sometimes means communities
24 are discontinuous. However, congressional and state

1 districts must be adjacent or connected at all points.

2 A more difficult requirement to define is
3 compactness. There are at least 30 different scientific
4 ways to measure how compact a district is, but no
5 statute or court precedent identifies standard criteria
6 of compactness. In theory, compactness focuses on the
7 shape of a district's boundaries, how spread out a
8 district is from a central core, or where the district's
9 population center of gravity is. In practice,
10 compactness is hindered by geography and on the ground
11 realities, so often the interpretation of compactness
12 involves more than a visual test.

13 Illinois is one of 14 states that nests its
14 House districts -- also called Representative Districts
15 -- inside one of its Senate districts, also called
16 Legislative Districts.

17 Map makers will also look where possible to
18 follow existing political and geographical boundaries in
19 ways that maximize a community's opportunity to have its
20 interests represented. As you know, however, county,
21 municipality, township, and natural geographic
22 boundaries are not always compact or contiguous.

23 By studying population data and holding public
24 hearings like this to listen to the thoughts of

1 residents across the state, lawmakers look to identify
2 what are known as communities of interest. A community
3 of interest is a group of people concentrated in a
4 geographic area where socially, culturally, ethnically,
5 economically, religiously, or otherwise alike and can be
6 joined in a district most effectively to have their
7 voices heard. These factors -- the factors contributing
8 to any particular community of interest will vary
9 throughout the state.

10 Federal law requires redistricting plans to
11 respect minority representation. The principles of the
12 Federal Voting Rights Act are in place to prevent the
13 reduction of opportunities for minority populations to
14 participate equally in the electoral process. However,
15 districts cannot be drawn solely on the basis of race.

16 Illinois law also protects representation of
17 racial and language minority groups. The Illinois
18 Voting Rights Act helps to prevent minority fracturing
19 or dividing a concentration of minorities among two or
20 more districts by requiring map makers to consider
21 creating crossover districts, coalition districts, or
22 influence districts.

23 A crossover district is one in which large
24 minority groups may elect the candidate of its choice

1 with help from voters of the majority group.

2 A coalition district brings multiple racial or
3 language minority groups together to elect a candidate
4 of their choice.

5 An influence district allows a group to
6 influence an election outcome without being the majority
7 population in their district.

8 These state law requirements come into play only
9 after compliance with federal law and the U.S. and state
10 constitutional requirements on redistricting.

11 In addition, the law ensures transparency and
12 public participation by requiring public hearings across
13 the state, one of which we are having right now. At the
14 end of the presentation, I will display an email address
15 from the screen, which Chair Hernandez already provided,
16 where you can submit your ideas. The Committee is also
17 accepting written testimony today.

18 Now that we've covered the redistricting
19 process, let's discuss what data shows about the
20 Illinois population. The U.S. Census Bureau has delayed
21 the release of much of the decennial census data by more
22 than six months, until this fall. However, the U.S.
23 Census Bureau's annual population estimates show some
24 trends that can help inform the work ahead.

1 The Census 2019 population estimate shows an
2 overall decline in state population over the past
3 decade. There are, however, areas that project to have
4 population gains. Communities with the largest
5 population by percentage increase since 2010 are
6 Kendall, Monroe, Champaign, and Kane counties.

7 Demographically speaking, the state's white
8 population is projected to decline, while the
9 African-American population statewide will likely see a
10 smaller overall decline. The Hispanic and Asian
11 population across Illinois are projected to see growth.

12 Locally, Cook County is projected to see a
13 modest decrease in population. The County's white and
14 African-American population stand to decline, while
15 Asian and Hispanic population will likely increase.

16 Thank you very much for your attention and for
17 coming out to share your thoughts today. As the chair
18 mentioned, you will be able to find testimony from this
19 and other hearings on ILGA.gov and on
20 ILHouseDems.com/Redistricting. The redistricting
21 website offers additional ways to engage with the
22 process, including our public drawing portal where you
23 can draw and submit your own district maps.

24 You can send further written testimony and

1 suggestions to the Committee any time by e-mailing
2 RedistrictingCommittee@HDS.ILGA.gov. Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Marissa.

4 Before we begin with the panelists, I do want to
5 recognize we also have Leader Gordon-Booth,
6 Representative Kelly Burke, Representative -- I think I
7 said -- Aaron Ortiz is -- has joined us. I also want to
8 acknowledge although Leader Butler is not here, we have
9 Representative Severin and Representative Spain with us
10 as well.

11 We have three panels. The first panel has three
12 folks; the second, two; the third, two. I'm going to
13 ask if it's okay with the Republican side if we could
14 wait for questions at the end. Are you okay with that?

15 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: That sounds good.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. All right.

17 We'll begin with Steven Monroy from the Mexican
18 American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. We have
19 Eddie Guillen, small business owner, West Lawn Committee
20 board member, and Cesar Nunez from Enlace in Chicago, in
21 that order.

22 So, Steven Monroy, can you begin.

23 MR. MONROY: Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank
24 you for the opportunity to testify.

1 Thank you as well for members of the Committee
2 for your consideration in this important process.

3 Madam Chair, I do have a visual I would like to
4 display on the screen, if that would be possible, about
5 half way through my testimony.

6 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: That's fine.

7 MR. MONROY: Do I do so by just sharing my
8 screen?

9 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm going to ask staff,
10 if they can take over. Is that okay?

11 STAFF MEMBER KATHY SMITH: Yes, we do.

12 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

13 MR. MONROY: Thank you, Madam Chair. And,
14 again, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

15 My name is Steven Monroy, and I'm a legislative
16 staff attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense
17 and Educational Fund, also known as MALDEF. We're a
18 national rights civil law firm that works to protect the
19 rights of Latinos in the United States through community
20 education, through advocacy, and through litigation when
21 necessary.

22 Our organization has been involved in Illinois
23 redistricting since the 1980s, and we've regularly
24 partnered with stakeholders across various communities.

1 We've developed model maps and especially monitored the
2 state's compliance with Voting Rights Acts over the last
3 30 years, particularly the Federal Voting Rights Act.

4 We testified at the April 1st hearing of this
5 Committee on the importance of creating districts that
6 provide Latino community members a fair opportunity to
7 elect candidates of choice. As I mentioned in my
8 previous testimony, Latinos are about 17.5 percent of
9 the state's total state population, and about 15 percent
10 of the state's voting population.

11 MALDEF urges the Committee to use the voting age
12 population figures when drawing the final maps. The
13 2020 census collected information on the total state
14 population that should be used to draw 118 practically
15 equal House districts.

16 Now, again, the actual division of how many
17 people are per district should be used with total
18 population, but the analysis to protect the Latino
19 voting rights does not end at total population or
20 creating Latino total majority districts. In order for
21 Latino's to have a fair opportunity to elect candidates
22 of choice, Latino majority districts must be drawn to
23 give Latinos a fair share of the voting age population
24 in the districts.

1 To be effective, the percentage of Latino voting
2 age population must be high enough to account for the
3 number of non-citizens in Latino committees that are
4 represented, and the traditionally lower rates of voter
5 registration in these Latino communities.

6 I will be sharing a -- my screen here with a map
7 of the districts that this -- that this -- that the
8 members of this Committee chair and represent. As you
9 can see, these are figures that are drawn using the --
10 these are the figures that are currently into effect,
11 which means that they were drawn in 2011 to represent
12 the figures as they were in April 1st of 2010 as they
13 were collected by the 2010 census.

14 Now, again, this is a snapshot. Individuals who
15 -- and I apologize, can you see this map? Wonderful.

16 So these figures cannot be used to draw the 2021
17 maps because the data is over -- is over 10 years stale.
18 This was drawn as a point in time in 2011 -- excuse me
19 2010, specifically April 1st of 2010. This map was
20 copied from the final map that was posted by the -- by
21 this Committee's predecessor in 2011. They created
22 Google maps to show the current -- the configuration of
23 the districts, and they also published an actual chart
24 of the voting age population in these various -- in

1 these various districts.

2 As you can see here, the number of the -- the
3 district number is in blue, the blue circles, and in the
4 yellow is the voting age population of Latinos here.
5 So, again, this is not the total population that's
6 created, but instead the voting age population that
7 allows us to compare what is the minority population
8 there compared between Latinos, Asian-Americans,
9 African-Americans, and Caucasian voters.

10 These numbers were all created and crunched by
11 this Committee. So this -- this information cannot be
12 used to draw future maps, but we hope that this
13 Committee will use the voting age population figures to
14 draw the maps in the future.

15 We appreciate that the Committee is providing
16 these opportunities for community organizations to --
17 and members of the public to comment on the process and
18 to raise the issues important to their communities.
19 We're especially grateful that you're asking for other
20 kinds of information, such as the economy, any other
21 interdynamics including, you know, religious
22 affiliation, different kinds of communities that are
23 there, to consider all aspects when drawing the final
24 maps.

1 However, we share the concerns that were
2 expressed by many individuals and organizations after
3 the last couple of hearings that we cannot know if any
4 map proposals that are released actually comply with the
5 federal and state minority right protections until we
6 can analyze the data that's given to us in the 2020
7 census.

8 Again, this map that was created was used with
9 the 2010 decennial census, and so we could compare at
10 that point in time. Unfortunately, the ACS data does
11 not allow us that level of detail to actually have a
12 point in time to compare and really offer
13 recommendations on what the maps could look like.

14 With that in mind, MALDEF offers the following
15 two recommendations for this hearing. The first is that
16 the map should account for voting age population, not
17 just total population, and that the Committee provide at
18 least two weeks between releasing a plan and holding a
19 hearing on that plan so individuals can comment to the
20 best of our ability, using the data that's available.
21 But, again, we cannot know whether this will actually
22 comply with federal and state law until we know what the
23 results of the 2020 census was.

24 As we testified before, the Latino community has

1 historically experienced voting discrimination in
2 attempts to dilute the effectiveness of their notes, not
3 just in Illinois in years past but also across the
4 country. This is the very heart of why we have these
5 minority voting right protections that should be looked
6 at with the actual data available.

7 No -- new district boundaries should be drawn to
8 reflect -- fairly reflect the minority voting strength
9 and not seek to minimize or dilute the minority vote.
10 Thank you for your time.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Steven.
12 That's really -- that's great information. Thank you
13 for that.

14 Next, we have Eddie Guillen. I hope I'm
15 pronouncing that correctly.

16 Go right again, Mr. Guillen.

17 MR. GUILLEN: Thank you so much, Madam Chair.

18 This is my first time, so thank you, everybody,
19 for your time and for being here. I really appreciate
20 it.

21 Again, my name is Eddie Guillen, lifelong
22 southwest side resident. I've been living in the
23 district for 14 years, homeowner, business owner.

24 One of the things that I do want to share is

1 I've been an organizer here for quite a few years. One
2 of the things I've been seeing -- part of the Midway
3 area -- which I am in West Lawn -- I believe the current
4 district in Chicago reflects how Midway Airport is a hub
5 for our region.

6 One of the things in the district, which
7 includes West Lawn, Clearing, West Elsdon, Archer
8 Heights, Garfield Ridge, that's one of the things where
9 we really want to focus on the neighbors. And we know a
10 lot of the things happen within these last 10 years, and
11 so one of the things we've -- we've been impacting and a
12 lot of the things we've been having a common interest is
13 soundproofing. That's been a common conversation, and
14 hopefully we'll get that going.

15 So as one of the homeowners, one of the things
16 that we want to do is we want to continue to be
17 represented. As you know, a lot of the -- you know, a
18 lot of families are moving to the southwest side because
19 a lot of common spaces are being owned -- a lot of
20 things that we want to continue to do.

21 We also want to be empowered. We want to be
22 empowered because we are diverse communities, and we
23 want to continue to elect candidates of their choosing
24 in which will continue to -- with new boundaries, we're

1 hoping just to keep that together.

2 One of the things I also want to share is we
3 want to also be -- one of the things that I -- we want
4 to continue to do is, again, our district to be
5 reflective of our -- the people that we want to continue
6 to vote.

7 We ask that you continue to empower these
8 neighborhoods and to have our voices heard. And that's
9 basically -- that's all basically I want to say. Thank
10 you for your time.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Guillen.

12 I am going to ask -- I should have done this in
13 the beginning for the sake of the court reporter. I
14 will ask that you -- when you present yourself that you
15 spell your name out.

16 So, Mr. Guillen, can you spell your name out for
17 the purposes of record -- the record.

18 MR. GUILLEN: Yes. Thank you. Eddie Guillen,
19 E-d-d-i-e G-u-i-l-l-e-n.

20 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: And, Steven, can you do
21 the same?

22 MR. MONROY: Of course. Thank you, Madam Chair.
23 Steven Monroy, spelled S-t-e-v-e-n, last name is
24 M-o-n-r-o-y.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you for that.

2 Next, we have Cesar Nunez from Enlace -- Enlace
3 organization out of Chicago.

4 Go right ahead, Cesar.

5 MR. NUNEZ: Good afternoon, everybody.

6 My name is Cesar, C-e-s-a-r, Nunez, N-u-n-e-z.
7 I work with Enlace Chicago. I was born and raised in
8 Little Village. I currently live in Garfield Ridge. So
9 thank you very much, Madam Chair, for the space and the
10 time. And thank you, Committee, for hosting this.
11 Shout out to MALDEF because, you know, we -- Enlace does
12 work with MALDEF, and we want to echo everything that
13 Steven said.

14 Today I want to be able to start off with --
15 Enlace, we're a founding member organization of UCCRO,
16 United Congress of Community and Religious
17 Organizations. The United Congress of Community and
18 Religious Organizations believes that ensuring voting
19 rights and protecting communities of interest in the
20 redistricting process are essential to a racially
21 equitable and just manner.

22 Protecting the voting rights of black, Latinx,
23 and Asian-American communities in Illinois is our
24 priority. We applaud the General Assembly's work to

1 expand voting rights to include influence, coalition,
2 and crossover districts across the State. We have seen
3 the power of what a racially equitable and just
4 redistricting process and map can do.

5 In 2011, we worked with over 500 people in the
6 map drawing process, some as young as 10 years old.
7 Their voices and perspectives were the foundation of the
8 racially equitable map that we drew that protected black
9 voting rights, redistricting -- that despite significant
10 population loss -- increased the number of Latino
11 districts to reflect their population growth and for the
12 first time established four Asian-American influence
13 districts and kept Chinatown in a single statehouse
14 district.

15 As a result, we have seen an increase in civic
16 engagement in communities of color and an increase in
17 elected officials of color, including the State's first
18 five Asian-American General Assembly members.

19 And for those of you that may not be familiar
20 with Little Village, on the north end, Cermak Road is
21 our boundary. On the east end, you know, we could arm
22 wrestle about Kedzie, California, Western. It all
23 depends on how down you are for the community and if you
24 want to be included; right? But Stevenson Expressway,

1 the river there on the south end, and then the city
2 limits on the west end. Kostner Avenue being though the
3 one street that's still, like, you know, that has
4 significant traffic happening on it.

5 So, you know, I wanted to, you know, to really
6 share that and let folks know that we -- we believe in
7 working with our neighbor communities and our allied
8 organizations throughout the City of Chicago. There are
9 eight member organizations that make up UCCRO of, you
10 know, different ethnic groups, religious beliefs,
11 backgrounds, and what not.

12 So thank you, all, so much for your time and,
13 you know, it's no easy task to have to redraw these
14 maps; right? But I think whatever it is that you can do
15 to ensure that residents are able to understand who
16 their elected officials are; right? We have county
17 elected officials. We have city elected officials. WE
18 have state elected officials. We have federal elected
19 officials.

20 I guarantee you -- and I'm sure you guys have
21 come across this -- not everybody knows who their
22 elected officials are; right? And, you know, if we can
23 use those natural boundaries, if we can use those major
24 streets, if we can use lines that are aligned where

1 folks can easily identify where their boundaries lie;
2 right? We all want to know who represents us so that we
3 can cast our votes, you know, when it comes to election
4 time.

5 Who here hasn't gone to vote and didn't end up
6 at the right polling place? So, you know, there's so
7 many details involved in all of this, but, again, thank
8 you so much for your time and good luck.

9 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Nunez.

10 So that -- that is the first panel. We'll go
11 into the second panel, and we'll start with Mr. Roberto
12 MOENTJANG. You're on mute.

13 MR. MOENTJANG: Okay. There you are.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: There you go.

15 MR. MOENTJANG: Hello, everyone. And thank you,
16 Madam Chair. I don't know if you remember me, Roberto
17 MOENTJANG, R-o-b-e-r-t-o, MOENTJANG, M-o-n-t-e-j-a-n-o
18 S-r, Sr., my son reminds me every day.

19 So I'm a lifelong learner. I've been in
20 nonprofit for 24 years now. I've worked with Central
21 State SER, the YMCA street intervention program, with
22 CEDA of Cook County, and now the CEO of Envision
23 Community Services. I've lived in Clearing -- homeowner
24 in Clearing for 14 years, and now I'm a homeowner in

1 Garfield Ridge. Before that, Little Village resident,
2 born and raised.

3 Cesar, with all due respect, I'll do the
4 viaducts for the north side of Little Village any day,
5 not Cermak. That's North Lawndale, brother. But that
6 could be enough off-the-record debate.

7 So let me do say this. Thank you, and it's
8 great seeing you, Lisa. It's great seeing you.

9 And, everyone else, I just wanted to let it be
10 known that in a time like when Covid hit, our
11 organization at Envision took a step forward, a leap
12 like never before, in our Latino community where 60629
13 was a hot zone, 60632. Then when we're being called to
14 man the dispatch center for 311 for vaccinations, we saw
15 that 60638 was one of the highest residential living
16 locations for the senior citizens in Chicago. We set up
17 appointments there for over 600 senior citizens to be
18 vaccinated.

19 So I want to make sure that it's known that
20 maybe perhaps because of the timing that the census was
21 taking with the administration at the presidential level
22 that was in place, that maybe perhaps some of our people
23 did not speak, were not hurt -- so I'm advocating just
24 for that to be considered. So then when we're talking

1 about these imaginary lines that I've lived all of my
2 life around -- that I can't cross a viaduct or a street
3 like Lawndale because I grew up on the right street and
4 not the left side, that we're going to be talking here
5 about other imaginary lines that are going to
6 redistrict, again, our people, and then people
7 especially that can't even speak for themselves.

8 So I'm here just to represent the unspoken, the
9 ones that are disadvantaged, and the ones that at hope.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Roberto. It's
12 good to see you too.

13 MR. MOENTJANG: It has been. I'll reach out
14 soon, Lisa.

15 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Next, we have Roberto
16 Valdez from the Latino Policy Forum.

17 MR. VALDEZ: Good afternoon, Madam Chair. Thank
18 you.

19 Good afternoon members of the Redistricting
20 Committee. My name is Roberto Valdez, and that's
21 spelled R-o-b-e-r-t-o, Valdez, V-a-l-d-e-z. I am the
22 senior external affairs liaison for the Latino Policy
23 Forum.

24 Again, thank you for the opportunity and time to

1 talk about the 2021 redistricting map. The Forum is a
2 statewide nonprofit policy and advocacy organization.
3 Part of the Forum's work is to strengthen leadership and
4 ensure there's a fair redistricting process that
5 provides opportunities for the Latino community and
6 other communities to elect the candidates of their
7 choice.

8 Our redistricting work also includes ensuring
9 there are cohesive Latino communities of interest in the
10 state legislature's map, promoting equitable in map
11 making proceedings, and advocating for a map that is
12 reflective of demographics of Illinois's Latino
13 population.

14 In 2011, the Forum presented a redistricting map
15 that reflected Latino equity in the state and the
16 maximum number of Latino majority districts based on the
17 state population. The Forum also met with other
18 redistricting coalitions such as UCCRO -- I know Cesar
19 mentioned he's representing them today -- with the same
20 mission of ensuring the state legislature approved a map
21 that reflected that state's diversity of minority
22 communities.

23 For 2021, the Forum has convened a redistricting
24 advisory community lead by community advocates and civic

1 leaders and also produced a preliminary map to view the
2 potential number of Latino majority districts possible
3 based on the demographic distribution of the state's
4 population.

5 This exercise establishes a foundation for what
6 the Forum believes to be fair representation of the
7 Latino community and what the legislature should
8 consider including in the 2021 map. The Forum believes
9 this information is critical for lawmakers to consider
10 as they begin to discuss the 2021 map.

11 Now, today I am here to focus on the Berwyn,
12 Cicero area where House District 23, House District 24,
13 and Senate District 12 are located. This area is also
14 where the Latino voting age population has increased
15 since the last remap.

16 For the 23rd District, when the district was
17 drawn in 2011, there was a total of about 46 percent
18 Latino voting age population. The most recent data
19 shows this district with approximately 52 percent Latino
20 voting age population, which, of course, is an increase
21 of 6 percent.

22 Looking at the 24th District, in 2011 that map
23 drew the district with 70 percent Latino voting age
24 population. The most recent data shows this same

1 district with approximately 74 percent Latino voting age
2 population, which, of course, is an increase of 4
3 percent.

4 And for the 12st Senate district, which, of
5 course, encompasses the 23rd and 24th House Districts,
6 the increase is a total of 10 percent.

7 Now, earlier this week I provided testimony at
8 the April 1st House Redistricting Committee and
9 submitted maps for the record that asked to consider the
10 minimum number of Latino majority districts to be 20, 15
11 House districts and 5 Senate districts, in order to meet
12 equitable representation of Latinos in the 2021 map.

13 The Forum's analysis proposed of those 20 Latino
14 districts, 7 House districts and 3 Senate districts
15 would fall in the southwest side of Chicago. And as the
16 mapping process continues, we ask this Committee to
17 consider the increases in the 23rd and 24th House
18 Districts as well as the overall increases -- increase,
19 excuse me, in the 12th Senate District so they can
20 remain Latino-majority districts.

21 We also ask this body to consider House District
22 23 and House District 24 as two of the seven southwest
23 side House districts and Senate District 12 as one of
24 the three Latino majority Senate districts in the

1 southwest side of Chicago.

2 Now, a final consideration would also be to look
3 at the Illinois population trends and the growth of the
4 Latino population. The Forum analyzed population data
5 by race and ethnicity in 2010 and in 2019 and found that
6 the Latino community is driving population growth in the
7 state and is responsible for over 9 percent of the total
8 state growth. Illinois would have lost an additional
9 189,000-plus individuals between 2010 and 2019 if it
10 were not for the Latino population growth.

11 In addition, Latinos have the highest increase
12 of any race and ethnicity in the state from 2010 and
13 2011, and only second to the Asian community in regards
14 to the highest number of percentage growth between those
15 years.

16 The Forum strongly appreciates the support of
17 this Committee during the 2021 remapping, your time, and
18 your time to review and weigh in the data. Thank you so
19 much for your consideration. I would be happy to answer
20 any questions.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Roberto.
22 Great information.

23 Next, we're going to the third panel, and we're
24 starting with Alberto Mosqueda from Southwest Organizing

1 Project.

2 MR. MOSQUEDA: Good afternoon, Madam Chair.

3 My name is Alberto Mosqueda. I am a first
4 generation immigrant from Mexico, naturalized citizen of
5 the United States of America, and a proud business owner
6 in the 13th Ward of the City of Chicago within the
7 Illinois 22nd House District.

8 I am happily married and have three daughters
9 who contribute successfully to the success of the city.
10 Andrea [phonetic] is psychologist at Jesse Brown;
11 Paulina [phonetic] is a teacher with the Chicago Public
12 Schools; and Julia [phonetic] is an architect with
13 London Bonbaker [phonetic].

14 I am an active parishioner at St. Mary Star of
15 the Sea church and a board member of the Southwest
16 Organizing Project, serving our community and helping
17 our residents navigate through social justice issues,
18 housing, immigration, and public safety. I work with
19 religious, education, and community leaders to bridge
20 local needs through our Alderman Marty Quinn's office
21 and any other relevant organizations in the city.

22 As a business owner, my partners and I employ
23 10 people, working on projects throughout the city of
24 Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. We are happy to

1 say that our business continues to operate unaffected by
2 the Covid-19 conditions.

3 Through the 27 years that I have lived in this
4 community, I have had the opportunity to create
5 relationships with other residents and have learned to
6 appreciate the demographic changes occurring in our
7 neighborhood. Together and through active collaboration
8 we have learned to re-balance the living fabric of our
9 demographic make up. We have learned to re-balance our
10 interests with white, black, Hispanic, and Asian
11 communities with the right support of our elected
12 officials.

13 With Midway Airport as a root hub of our
14 district and present ample public transportation to all
15 areas of the city, our neighborhoods -- West Lawn,
16 Clearing, West Elsdon, Garfield Ridge, Gage Park, and
17 Archer Park -- support the growth and safety of the
18 city. The ease of transportation and the link to Midway
19 has been -- and we hope it continues to be -- a major
20 impact shaping the local economy, urban development,
21 housing, transportation, and education in our region.

22 Our homeowners in the Midway community all share
23 common interests, one of which is airport noise control
24 and residential soundproofing. We believe our interests

1 are best addressed when representation of these
2 communities is considered and integrated as much as
3 possible. I believe current district configuration is a
4 solid point of reference, and if used with current data,
5 effective boundaries will be redrawn to support the
6 needs and address the common interests.

7 The new configuration should continue to empower
8 these diverse communities, allowing us to elect
9 candidates of our choosing. I hope this continues to be
10 the case under new legislative boundaries. Thank you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Mosqueda.
12 I appreciate your testimony.

13 Next, we have Hector Rico from the Latin
14 Organization of the Southwest. Is Hector on?

15 STAFF MEMBER KATHY SMITH: He is not.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: He's not. Okay.

17 I was just given notice that we do have one more
18 witness, Jorge Lopez, from the Lake Effect Development.
19 Is he on? Jorge?

20 STAFF MEMBER KATHY SMITH: I'm not sure if this
21 is him.

22 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Is this Jorge or
23 Hector?

24 STAFF MEMBER KATHY SMITH: His audio hasn't come

1 through yet.

2 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: In the meantime, our last
3 two witnesses, can you please spell out your name,
4 Alberto and -- I think it was just Alberto.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Absolutely. Alberto,
6 A-l-b-e-r-t-o, the last name Mosqueda, M-o-s-q-u-e-d-a.

7 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

8 MR. MOENTJANG: If needed, I could get on the
9 street and find somebody.

10 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

11 MR. MOENTJANG: I said if needed, I could go in
12 the street and find somebody, somebody to testimony.
13 Row boater owe.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: I see he's trying to
15 connect, but it seems he's still having problems with
16 the audio.

17 Well, I'll tell you what we'll do is should he
18 get connected, we'll give me a chance to speak.

19 In the meantime, why don't we open it up for
20 questions. Is that okay?

21 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I think that sounds
22 great.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Representative
24 Bourne, do you want to start with the questions?

1 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Sure. I'd be happy to.
2 First of all, thank you to all of the witnesses
3 for taking time out of your Saturday to share your
4 testimony with us. This is really helpful.

5 I have a couple of questions. I'll start with
6 the first speaker first and go down my list, if that's
7 okay.

8 So for you, Steven, I have a couple of
9 questions. I know you've testified before our Committee
10 before, and maybe you have shared this and I have not
11 caught it. When you said there was a suggestion to use
12 the voting age population number, is that something that
13 has been done in the past? Is that just normal
14 practice, or is this a recommendation different than
15 what's happen before?

16 MR. MONROY: Thank you for that question,
17 Representative Bourne. Yes. That is what the state did
18 in 2011, and it is my understanding that that has been
19 what has been done in the past. But specifically the
20 -- that chart that I alluded to from the 2011 census
21 data is currently posted on that redistricting website
22 that the -- that is currently maintained. Until
23 recently, it had testimony from the 2011 hearings as
24 well, so that was the case where the chart showed all of

1 the populations in the districts compared with the
2 voting age population percentages.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: That's really helpful.
4 Thank you.

5 Another thing that you mentioned was that the
6 2020 census data would be crucial to know whether we're
7 complying with the minority voting rights protections
8 and that the ACS data would not be sufficient for that.

9 Is this something that -- so you're wanting to
10 make sure within that two-week period between -- seeing
11 a map -- that you suggested -- and then voting on it,
12 you would want access to the census data in between
13 then? I just want to get a sense of the timeline
14 recommendation that you're talking about.

15 MR. MONROY: Yes, of course. And these are two
16 recommendations. I will tackle them separately. And
17 these are also things that were brought up in 2011
18 testimony from various organizations, as well as our
19 colleagues in other organizations this time.

20 We would like two week's time from the time that
21 any map is proposed for advocates and members of the
22 public to comment on regardless of -- you know, the
23 question about data, we would like that time to analyze
24 and respond to the map, and so that is our first

1 recommendation.

2 On the ACS data question, the NCSL staff person
3 testified at the beginning of these hearings that the
4 data will not available on the ACS down to the block
5 level, just to the block group, as well also as that
6 point in time is so important to see -- you know,
7 comparing instead of estimates, seeing what the data was
8 of April 1st of 2020.

9 So our understanding is that the most available
10 data that we would be comparing -- the most accurate
11 data, excuse me, that we would be comparing when
12 analyzing compliance with the Voting Rights Act, Federal
13 constitutional protections, as well as state law like
14 the Illinois Voting Rights Act of 2011, all of that
15 should rely on the point in time snapshot to April 1st
16 of 2020 according to the census.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I guess I also have a
18 question -- I appreciate those answers -- if these two
19 recommendations -- how do they interact? How much time
20 do you need with the census data to be able to analyze
21 then a map that would be identified? Having that data
22 for two weeks before the two week period? I just -- I
23 know that none of us have seen this and we're all trying
24 to figure out house this is going to work, so I just

1 kind of want to know how long do you need with that data
2 before you're able to analyze the map and know whether
3 it complies?

4 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Of course. So thank
5 you, again, Representative Bourne.

6 It is two separate recommendations with two
7 different moving targets on the release of a map and
8 when the data will be available. So a recommendation is
9 that two week's time to comment on the map before any
10 map is voted on, as well as that -- the second part
11 about the access to the 2020 decennial census data.
12 That is a legal recommendation where we know that that's
13 what the standard will be compared against, and so it's
14 just a -- the fact is that the voting right's data --
15 Voting Right's compliance will be matched up to the 2020
16 census data whenever that will be available.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: That's helpful. Thank
18 you.

19 I also have a question for Roberto from the
20 Latino Policy Forum about -- so, first of all, you said
21 that your preliminary maps that you have drawn, that you
22 did submit those during the last hearing that you
23 testified; is that correct?

24 MR. VALDEZ: Yes, Representative Bourne. I

1 submitted them on the -- for the April 1st hearing and
2 then also submitted them for this hearing as well.

3 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Perfect. That's great.
4 I appreciate that.

5 I also have a question about your recommendation
6 of 20 districts. Did you have a recommendation in the
7 2010 process, and then was that met in the map? Just
8 kind of want to -- just for context of what your goals
9 were in 2010 and then what the final map was versus your
10 recommendations now.

11 MR. VALDEZ: Yes, Representative Bourne. So we
12 submitted a 2011 map with, I believe, at the time was
13 Latino-majority districts -- I believe 19 or 20
14 districts. That was not met. And so, again, for our
15 2021 we are really emphasizing and hoping, encouraging
16 Legislatures that we can set that minimum to 20,
17 because, again, in 2011 that was not met.

18 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: I appreciate that. And
19 then do you have any recommendations for the
20 Congressional map, whether there would be one or two
21 Latino --

22 MR. VALDEZ: We do not.

23 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Okay.

24 MR. VALDEZ: No, ma'am. We just focused on the

1 state legislative maps for this cycle.

2 REPRESENTATIVE BOURNE: Gotcha. I appreciate
3 that. Those are all of my questions.

4 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,
5 Representative.

6 Is there any further questions from members? I
7 don't see any hands. Okay. I'm going to just check and
8 see if we have Hector. Is he still having trouble with
9 the audio? Can you jump on?

10 MR. RICO: Representative Hernandez, can you
11 hear me?

12 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Wonderful. Yes. We can
13 hear you.

14 MR. RICO: Finally. I'm sorry. I apologize,
15 Representative Hernandez. I really apologize. I'm been
16 having some situation over here. I'm driving over here
17 from one place to another. Thank you very much for
18 providing me with this opportunity, Representative and
19 members of the Committee.

20 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Please. Just don't get
21 into any accidents so I can see your --

22 MR. RICO: No, no. I'm sitting in a parking lot
23 over here.

24 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 MR. RICO: For those who don't know me, my name
2 is Hector Rico, and I have been a resident of the
3 southwest --

4 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Please spell your name.
5 Hector, before you move on, please spell your name out
6 for the sake of the record.

7 MR. RICO: Hector Rico. Hector, H-e-c-t-o-r,
8 Rico, R-i-c-o.

9 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 MR. RICO: Okay. I have been a member of the
11 southwest communities for the last 30 years, the
12 executive director of the Latino Organization of the
13 Southwest, a nonprofit organization agency that has been
14 providing services to the residents of this community
15 since 1990.

16 My agency and myself work closely with members
17 of these communities to respond to the needs of the
18 local residents. I'm testifying in this remapping
19 process because I believe that the process should be
20 inclusive and hearing voices of those that in one way or
21 another will be effected or benefited -- or benefit from
22 the outcomes.

23 I believe the current district configuration on
24 Chicago's southwest side reflects how Midway Airport is

1 a hub in our region. The neighborhoods of West Lawn,
2 Clearing, West Elsdon, Garfield Ridge, Gage Park, and
3 Archer Park are spokes of this hub. These neighborhoods
4 are linked by their proximity to Midway, which has a
5 major impact shaping the local community, housing,
6 transportation, and more.

7 Homeowners in the Midway community share common
8 interests, one of this is the project about
9 soundproofing that happens -- about 10 years ago and is
10 still in the process of being in place in the area.
11 These common interests and concerns are best addressed
12 when the representation of these communities consolidate
13 as much as possible.

14 The current configuration of districts also
15 empowers the diverse communities to elect the candidates
16 of their choice, and we hope that this will continue to
17 be the case under the new legislative boundaries. The
18 hub of Midway Airport and the diversity of these
19 neighborhoods links them as a community of interest,
20 something that is well reflected by the current
21 district.

22 We ask that you continue to empower these
23 neighborhoods, to have our voices heard, and elect
24 candidates of our choice. This remapping process should

1 be clear and transparent by taking consideration of
2 working -- by taking into consideration the working
3 efforts and outcomes of those that politically represent
4 us at the current time.

5 Thank you very much, Representative Hernandez
6 and your Committee.

7 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Hector, for
8 your presentation. I'm very happy you were able to get
9 on.

10 I'm being told that there is -- Mr. Jorge Perez
11 was having also trouble getting on. Did we finally get
12 him on? Is he on? I don't see him.

13 STAFF MEMBER KATHY SMITH: Not yet.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 Well, I just want to clarify. Roberto Valdez
16 from Latino Policy Forum, just double-checking, your
17 analysis uses voting age population?

18 MR. VALDEZ: Latino voting age population, that
19 is correct, Madam Chair.

20 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: So the maps you submitted
21 are -- is that what it is, is it voting age population
22 what you submitted?

23 MR. VALDEZ: That is correct. Yes.

24 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I just wanted to

1 be clear on that.

2 Okay. I'm going to go to members, again, if
3 there's any other -- any questions? I was trying to
4 stall a little bit to see if Mr. Jorge Perez could have
5 an opportunity to speak. So there is a significant
6 amount of other hearings that will be taking place, so
7 there still will be opportunity. I encourage the public
8 to participate as much as they can.

9 Mr. Perez, I'm looking, but I don't see you.
10 It's unfortunate, but if there is no further questions
11 from the members, that is really -- that concludes our
12 committee.

13 STAFF MEMBER KATHY SMITH: He --

14 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Wait, wait, wait. Is he
15 on? Yeah. He got on. Okay.

16 MR. PEREZ: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Leader
17 Hernandez. I was trying to do two, three things at the
18 same time. My apologies.

19 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: No problem, Jorge. I'm
20 very happy you were able to get on. So if you're ready,
21 you can begin. I will ask you to start off by spelling
22 your name and then you can proceed.

23 MR. PEREZ: Absolutely. Jorge Perez, J-o-r-g-e,
24 last name P-e-r-e-z.

1 I'm the board member and founding board member
2 of an organization called Lake Effect Development,
3 primarily focused on the southeast side of Chicago.
4 However, knowing that the issue here today and the topic
5 that we're talking about is obviously effective of
6 Latinos not only in that area but throughout the state
7 of Illinois, I wanted to be able to include Lake Effect
8 Development as part of the redistricting conversation.

9 Clearly from the standpoint of the presentation
10 of growth in the state and obviously of the Chicagoland
11 area that has primarily come from the Hispanic
12 community. Our community has been growing consistently
13 over the last 25, 30 years, and we know that it's going
14 to continue to grow for the foreseeable future. So it's
15 imperative that organization as well as all of our
16 voices be included in the discussions of redistricting
17 and equitable participation.

18 We understand that from an economic development
19 standpoint there is a lot of opportunities that come out
20 of the redistricting process, and we definitely want to
21 make sure that our voices are part of this. We know
22 that the growth in the Hispanic community throughout the
23 state of Illinois, up in Lake County, over in Kane
24 County, out in DuPage County as well, and in the suburbs

1 as well of Chicago it's been consistently growing.

2 Those are areas that we wanted to also be able to focus
3 in on and provide assistance where we can.

4 But, again, I just wanted to thank you all for
5 the opportunity. I speak from a -- from perspective of
6 South Chicago, which 100 years ago was the original port
7 of entry for Mexican-Americans. We have the oldest
8 Mexican-American church in Chicago there, Our Lady of
9 Guadalupe. Obviously our community has grown and
10 obviously included parts of the west side or southwest
11 side.

12 I always get a chuckle when you guys talk about
13 the south side of Little Village or up by the southwest
14 side, and down at 112th Street is really where we're at.
15 You guys live on the north side to us. But nonetheless,
16 it just shows the diversity and the quite -- the large
17 range that our community has throughout the region.

18 And, again, I want to thank you all for this
19 opportunity. My name is Jorge Perez, again,
20 representing Lake Effect Development.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jorge. I'm
22 glad we were able to get you on.

23 If there's any questions from members, again,
24 I'm giving another opportunity.

1 Roberto MOENTJANG, is there any additional
2 testimony you're looking to offer?

3 MR. MOENTJANG: I had a question. I just wanted
4 to know a timeline. What's the timeline that we're
5 looking at executing a decision on the matter?

6 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, we're hosting our
7 hearings, and that will come. You will hear about it.

8 MR. MOENTJANG: Okay.

9 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Representative Guerrero?

10 REPRESENTATIVE GUERRERO-CUELLAR: Yes. This
11 question is for Roberto from the Latino Policy Forum. I
12 have a question. Is it possible that the numbers -- the
13 presentation that you provided with the numbers
14 regarding the voting age population, is it possible that
15 the numbers are underrepresented because of the census's
16 earlier deadline than usual, so it doesn't calculate the
17 full amount of Latinos represented in the area in each
18 of our districts?

19 MR. VALDEZ: Thank you, Representative, for your
20 question. So the data that we used was the most recent,
21 which is the American Community Survey, which is the
22 estimate of -- a snapshot of 2015 and 2019, so it does
23 not include the 2020 census numbers. So to answer your
24 question, there could quite possibly be either an

1 undercount in the maps that we've presented or out
2 estimates.

3 REPRESENTATIVE GUERRERO-CUELLAR: Okay. Thank
4 you for your answer.

5 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that all,
6 Representatives? You have no further questions? Okay.

7 Well, this was very informative. With no more
8 questions, that really concludes our discussion for
9 today. So with that, the Committee shall recess to the
10 call of the chair. We'll see you on the next one.

11 Happy Easter.

12 (4:05 p.m., meeting concluded.)

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